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For: IMAGE ENCODING METHOD, IMAGE DECODING  
METHOD, IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
ENCODING PROGRAM, AND IMAGE DECODING  
PROGRAM

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
5,021,891	06/04/1991	Lee
5,724,097	03/03/1998	Hibi et al.

### OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Office Action from the USPTO, patent application number 11/712,010, mailing date January 10, 2008.

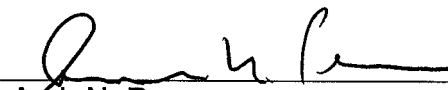
Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2), Applicant certifies that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant has also calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant has enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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